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PRODUCTION OF HELICOPTERS/LIGHT AIRCRAFT BY HAL
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the different models of Helicopters/Light Aircraft produced by the Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. (HAL);

(b) whether there is great demand of some of those Helicopters/Aircraft in the Latin American Countries;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the efforts made by the Government to tap the Latin American markets?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI BIJOY KRISHNA HANDIQUE)

(a) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) manufactures the Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH), Cheetah/Chetak/Lancer helicopters and Dornier 228 transport aircraft in light weight category. It also produces fighter aircraft of medium and heavy weight categories.

(b) HAL has identified South American countries as potential markets for the ALH.

(c) HAL has submitted techno-commercial proposals for supply of ALHs to various Latin American countries. The proposals are being followed up. Delegations from some Latin American countries expressed interest in the ALH at the Aero India 2005.

(d) Ministry of Defence and Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) have been in regular contact with different countries to explore all marketing possibilities. Promotional material on ALH in the form of brochures and film in English and Spanish languages have been forwarded to Indian Missions in various Latin American countries by MEA for distribution to decision makers.